

**Memorandum**

**To:** Wake County Board of Commissioners

**From:** Blake Kane, Research Triangle Foundation, and Secretary, RTP Owners & Tenants Association

**Date:** March 13, 2026

**Re:** Recommendations for Appointments to the Durham-Wake Counties Research and Production Service District Advisory Committee

**Background**

The special tax district for the Research Triangle Park (“RTP”), known as the Durham-Wake Counties Research and Production Service District (“District”), was established in 1986 pursuant to NCGS §153A-312. The District is governed by an Advisory Committee which is charged with making recommendations to the respective Boards of County Commissioners for the additional tax rate to be applied to the District and with selecting the projects to be undertaken. The Advisory Committee is made up of 13 members which include: the Durham County Manager, the Wake County Manager, the President of the Research Triangle Foundation, and 10 members who are appointed by the Boards of Commissioners based on recommendations from the RTP Owners and Tenants Association (“Association”). Terms are staggered so that three to four appointments occur each year.

**Vacancies Occurring Due to Resignations**

Two members of the Advisory Committee resigned due to changes in their employment status with an RTP-based organization in fall 2025:

- Tara Crossan, with a term expiring June 30, 2026, resigned on September 5, 2025
- Mike Curry, with a term expiring June 30, 2028, resigned on December 31, 2025

**Recommended Appointees to Fill Vacancies**

The established procedure for appointments is that the RTP Owners and Tenants Association submits two names for each vacancy as required by NCGS §153A-313(a) and both Boards of County Commissioners act on each appointment. The Association has made a recommended list of appointees and provided an alternate list of names to comply with NCGS §153A-313(a).

At its meeting on March 5, 2026, the RTP Owners and Tenants Association approved the following recommendations for your consideration for appointments to the Advisory Committee:

**Recommended Appointees:**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Term</b>
Edward Webb NetApp	Expiring June 30, 2028
Randi Saulles Lilly	Expiring June 30, 2026



**Alternate Names Provided Pursuant to NCGS §153A-313(a):**

<b>Alternate Name</b>	<b>Term</b>
Jeff Allamon NetApp	Expiring June 30, 2028
Matt Foster Lilly	Expiring June 30, 2026

In making its recommendations, the Association tries to ensure balanced representation on the Committee from Durham and Wake County companies as well as inclusive representation of the RTP community. For these reasons, the RTP Owners and Tenants Association respectfully requests that the recommended candidate for each position be appointed.

If you need any additional information, please feel free to contact me at [kane@rtp.org](mailto:kane@rtp.org) or (336) 266-0217.